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SUBJ: PROPOSED US-DUTCH-SWISS SALE OF REACTORS TO SOUTH AFRICA

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN MAY 14
ISSUE OF INDEPENDENT DUTCH DAILY DE VOLKSKRANT HEADLINED
"SOUTH AFRICAN CONDITIONS GO TOO FAR".

2. CABINET WILL AGAIN DISCUSS MAY 14 CONTENTIOUS REQUEST
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FROM DUTCH CONSORTIUM FOR AN EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA A NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS ARE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDING A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE OF ABOUT 650 MILLION GULDERS (2.70 GULDERS EQUAL \$1.00). MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS, IN PARTICULAR, ARGUES THAT DUTCH PARTNERS MAY LOSE AN IMPORTANT FUTURE NUCLEAR EXPORT MARKET IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE GON SUPPORT. ON OTHER HAND, PROGRESSIVE CABINET MINISTERS ARE OPPOSED TO THE GON GUARANTEE, AND PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS OF THE LABOR PARTY AND RADICAL PARTY ARE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THEIR CABINET MINISTERS TO OPPOSE THE GUARANTEE. THEY POINT OUT THAT GON SUPPORT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO END APARTHEID. THERE ARE ALSO PARLIAMENTARY OBJECTIONS BASED ON UNCERTAINTIES AS TO HOW MUCH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROJECT WOULD BENEFIT DUTCH LABOR AND DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE 3,000 MAN/YEARS OF WORK.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT LAST TIME (MAY 7) CABINET TOOK UP PROJECT THERE WAS 7 TO 7 TIE VOTES (TWO MINISTERS ABSENT) ON TWO ISSUES: ONE CALLING ON SOUTH AFRICA TO SIGN NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WHILE GIVING NECESSARY ASSURANCES THAT GON WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH COMPLETION OF PROJECT; SECOND, ON ISSUANCE OF GON CREDIT GUARANTEE. RIJN-SCHELDE-VEROLME PRESIDENT STIKKER INSISTS THAT PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE DUTCH WITH 6,000 MAN/YEARS OF WORK. SHOULD BE NOTED LONDON BBC BROADCAST MORNING MAY 14 THAT GENERAL ELECTRIC AND ITS DUTCH AND SWISS PARTNERS ARE ABOUT TO SELL TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS TO SOUTH AFRICA. GOULD

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